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### **PSC SETS INTERVENTION DEADLINE IN EXPANDED CALLING REQUEST**

JEFFERSON CITY--The Office of the Public Counsel (OPC) has filed motion with the Missouri Public Service Commission seeking to expand the St. Louis Metropolitan Calling Area (MCA) Plan. Under the OPC proposal, the telephone exchanges of Washington, Union, Wright City, St. Clair, Marthasville, Beaufort, Foley and Warrenton would comprise an optional Tier 6.

MCA is a telephone service allowing for expanded calling in the St. Louis, Kansas City and Springfield metropolitan areas. For a flat monthly rate, subscribing customers can call other MCA subscribers and certain exchanges in the metropolitan area on a toll-free basis.

Previously, OPC asked the Commission to investigate the adequacy of the local calling scopes of the SBC exchanges of Washington, Union, St. Clair and Beaufort. That case has been consolidated with the St. Louis MCA expansion request.

Applications to formally intervene and participate in this case must be filed no later than **March 23, 2005**, with the Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102. Copies of the application should be sent to the Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

The Office of the Public Counsel is a separate state agency which represents the general public in cases before the Commission. Individual customers wishing to comment may contact either the Office of the Public Counsel (P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone 573-751-4857) or the Public Service Commission Staff (P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone 1-800-392-4211).

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